



Economics of Invasive Species Workshop May 12-13

**Economic Research Service
1800 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Vaugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor**

Background

Invasive species can be particularly damaging to agriculture, as recent instances of Karnal bunt in wheat and Exotic Newcastle Disease of poultry have demonstrated. The rising potential for invasive pest incidents, brought about by increased global commerce, prompted ERS to launch a research program on the economics of invasive species policies and programs that affect food, agriculture, or natural resources, and are managed by the USDA. The research program, which will be supported by extramural research agreements with universities and other external cooperators, covers three critical topic areas. They are: the economics of trade and invasive species; bioeconomic risk assessments of alternative pests and diseases; and policies to manage damages caused by invasive species.

Workshop Details

To kick off the research program, ERS will host a 2-day workshop on the economics of invasive plant pests and animal diseases on **May 12-13, 2003**, starting at noon. The workshop will engage those who would perform, and those who have a stake in the results of the economic research, to review and discuss research priorities for the extramural competitive grants program. USDA agencies, including the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), are collaborators on the workshop agenda. Representatives from higher education institutions, USDA, other Federal and State agencies, industry, and nongovernmental organizations, will provide perspectives on bioeconomic risk assessment, links between trade expansion and invasive introductions, and the economics of policies to exclude, monitor, and control plant pests and animal diseases.

Attendance at this workshop is free of charge and is open to all. Due to space limitations, advance registration is required. To register for the workshop, please fill out the registration form and forward it to the designated ERS representative.

Directions: ERS is located at 1800 M St., NW., at the corner of 18th & M Streets. Cabdrivers should be able to find the address easily. For those travelling by Metro (subway), we are conveniently located one block from the Farragut North Metro stop (red line), and 2½ blocks from the Farragut West Metro stop (orange and blue lines). Enter the building through the South Lobby, take the elevator to the 3rd floor, and register at the ERS guard desk for the Vaugh Conference Room.



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☐ Yes, I plan to attend

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